

PHCAG Meeting 11/9/05

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Robin Plance	St. John's Neighborhood Association
Jeanne Longley	LNA
Jim Robinson	At Large
Steve Gunther	Progressive Products & Services
Rhett Lawrence	OSPIRG
Non-Responsive	Citizen
Non-	Citizen
Bill Barnett	WOD
Jane Harris	OCEH
Barbara Smith	LWG
Sue Stafford	Port of Portland
Valerie Lee	EI/Tribes
Aron Borok	EI/Tribes
Rich Wadsworth	Parametrix
Regina Skarginski	TAS/WRK
Kim Cox	City of Portland
Chip Humphrey	EPA

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R. Plance called mtg to order 6:05 PM

-Evaluation Committee report was presented by R. Plance & J. H. Harris
BJ Cummings from Duwamish Superfund CAG advised members of PH CAG.
Jane H-Harris visited WMX Landfill in E. Oregon and observed offload of GASCO Tar.
Alternative Treatments of HazWaste from Superfunds were discussed. EPA's Eric Stern
has been invited to present info to PHCAG.

University of Portland's interest in buying McCormick Baxter site was discussed and UP
may be invited to participate in conference on Alternative Treatment Options.

Progress and challenges of GAASC early Action was discussed by Jim Robinson, J.
Haley Harris and R. Plance.

CAG acknowledged letter to EPA from City Commissioner Sam Adams. J. Haley Harris
suggested a follow up letter go to S. Adams office regarding the CDF at Port of Portland
Property. Robin agreed to review and send letter.

Steve Gunther referenced NW Environmental Business Council upcoming trade show
and opportunity to enroll NEBC in co-sponsoring conference on alternative treatment
technologies.

R. Plance suggested mid January as a date for an Alternative Treatment Technology
Conference.

J. Haley Harris described Metro Grant for E. Ptld as a potential funding option that may
be available to help neighborhoods impacted by the Portland Harbor Pollution.

R. Plance raised subject of funds for CAG Expensed.
Jane Haley Harris said Oregon Center for Environmental Health would provide matching
donations to the CAG up to \$150.

Steve Gunther suggested we contact St. John's McMennamins to obtain donations and
space for a CAG fundraising Event.

Steve G. put forward motion that J. Keating, as chair of Education & Outreach committee
lead in organizing such an event to promote awareness and raise funds for PHCAG.

Motion seconded by R. Plance, passed unanimously.

R. Plance & Steve Gunther offered \$10 donations to CAG.

Rhett Lawrence inquired about Remedial Action Objectives as a topic for January CAG
meeting.

Robin announced that EPA & NW Natural will present information on GASCO early action at next month's meeting.

At 7:05 Meeting was opened to general public.

Presentation was made on the GASCO Early Action Project by Tribes representative, Valerie Anne Lee, JD, MS Civ. Eng, President, Environment International Ltd.
"GASCO: Lessons Learned"

The Positive:

-EPA requ'd NW Natural to take Early Action

- Short time was required for action
- When problems occurred during implementation of the action, EPA took Tribes advice in changes to different Best Management Practices (BMP's)

The Negative:

- The action was pushed through too quickly.
- Hydraulic dredging with water treatment was not given appropriate consideration.
- The Environmentally 'riskier approach' was used in choice of silt curtain.
- Average response time on samples was 10 days.
- Proposal for onsite sample lab rejected.
- EPA does not know how deep the contamination is at the GASCO site
- Tribe was only allowed 4 days to review the work plan for early action

Cathy Crawford asked, "Where do we go from here, regarding monitoring frequency and capping effectiveness?"

In response, to the question posed to Ms. Lee from the Tribes, "Was there a net environmental benefit?" She responded that she could not say.

Based on the tribes oversight of this process, NW Natural did not engage in model behavior as an RP.

Steve Gunther asked repeatedly about the timeline i.e. "How can the Tribes report that there was not enough time for design analysis, given that the site has been analyzed extensively since 1998.

Jane Haley-Harris remarked that letting the fish window drive the process to inadequate review was morally reprehensible.

Chip Humphrey, from EPA agreed to have EPA report on this Early Action.

Barbara Smith, from EPA mentioned that the contractor performing the PRP search (a Philadelphia firm, awarded a \$100,000 contract from EPA) has offered to present information to the CAG.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM